

Lawmakers Assist DOC with Re-entry Initiative

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Commissioner J. David Donahue thanks Speaker of the House, Patrick Bauer (Behind Podium), Rep. Peggy Welch (Far Right) and Lawmakers for Assisting with Donations for the "Dress for Success" Program on the House Floor.

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (February 8, 2007) - State Representatives Peggy Welch and Eric Turner thanked legislators for donating men’s clothing to the nation’s first re-entry facility, Plainfield Re-entry and Education Facility, (PREF) today during session.

Representative Welch responded to the Commissioner’s challenge by thinking out of the box so Indiana lawmakers can help offenders re-enter their communities, successfully. Welch requested the donations

this session from legislators to help support the Indiana Department of Correction's re-entry initiatives. "I would like to thank everyone today who helped with this project," said Rep. Welch. "I am excited to take an interest in the Department and support Commissioner Donahue's efforts in public safety."

"Thanks to Speaker Bauer, Rep. Peggy Welch and Rep. Turner and every member the state legislature who donated to the effort with our Plainfield Re-entry and Educational Facility," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "The men at PREF are looking forward to the professional attire and preparing for a successful future. It's all about promoting public safety."

"I applaud your efforts and invite each every one of you to visit a Faith and Character Based unit within the Department of Correction," said Rep. Turner. "There have been a lot of achievements under Mr. Donahue's leadership and I have had the pleasure of witnessing one in person at the Correctional Industrial facility PLUS graduation. I encourage each of you to get involved with the men and women who are learning something new."

The 161 garments of clothes were collected during this drive and the Department hopes to make this an ongoing partnership. The collected donations will assist the offender "Dress for Success" program as they prepare for job interviews.

To make a donation, please contact Superintendent Mike Lloyd at the Plainfield Re-entry Facility, at 317.839.7752.

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<http://www.in.gov/legislative/session/videoarchive.html>

About the Indiana War Memorials

The Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District, in the heart of downtown Indianapolis, is composed of predominantly Neo-classical buildings and structures, landscaped open space, and sculptural ensembles. The district is flanked on the west by Meridian Street, the primary north-south route running through the center of the city and on the east by Pennsylvania Street. Because of its location between two primary north-south traffic arteries, the Plaza provides a monumental entrance to the Indianapolis business district from the north. Click here for more information: <http://www.in.gov/iwm/>.

About the Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.